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1. HIGHLIGHTS. WEDNESDAY THROUGH MONDAY PAPERS HAVE

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USUALLY FEATURED KISSINGER AND MIDEAST; SATURDAY PAPERS

FRONTPAGED US IN TRADE PACT WITH EUROPEANS. TODAY'S WASH-
POST FRONTPAGES SOVIETS SEEN DEPLOYING ATOMIC MISSILES.
SOME DEFENSE COMMENT.

1A; INSIDE THURSDAY BALTSUN HAD MOSCOW BALKED BY AUSTRIA
ON CSCE; FRIDAY PAPERS HAD BROOKINGS FORECASTS DEFENSE
BUDGET OF 142 BILLIONS BY 1980; SATURDAY PAPERS REPORTED
HARASSMENT AT US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW; SUNDAY BALTSUN HAD
CORDDRY INTERVIEW WITH GEN; DAVISON ON TROOPS IN EUROPE;
ALSO HAD STORY ON SECRET MOSCOW TALKS WITH US. SUNDAY
NYTIMES HAD STORY ON KISSINGER-JACKSON RIVALRY; MONDAY
NYTIMES HAS 1954 H-TEST RADIATION STILL TAKING TOLL, ALSO
VIENNA TALKS INCH AHEAD.

2. TROOPS MONDAY NYTIMES VIENNA SPECIAL REPORTS
TROOP REDUCTION NEGOTIATIONS ARE MOVING AHEAD SLOWLY, WITH
CURRENT EMPHASIS ON WHICH OF THE NATO AND WARSAW COUNTRIES
WILL MAKE THE INITIAL CUTBACKS, AN AMERICAN SPOKESMAN SAID

THIS WEEKEND, HIS REMARKS CONSTITUTING THE FIRST
WESTERN REPLY TO A STREAM OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS FROM
COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS OVER LAST TWO MONTHS VIA SPEECHES
AND STATEMENTS AT SOCIAL EVENTS THEY HAVE ORGANIZED
FOR CORRESPONDENTS. SPECIAL STORY REPORTS THE AMERICAN
SAID WEST CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR CUTS BY ONLY SOVIETS
AND AMERICANS IN FIRST STAGE BECAUSE THESE TWO POWERS
SHOULD SET THE EXAMPLE AND ALSO BECAUSE NATO BELIEVES
THIS WOULD BE SIMPLER THAN SIMULTANEOUS CUTS BY ELEVEN
PARTICIPANTS, THE AMERICAN POINTING OUT THAT US-RUSSIAN
REDUCTIONS WOULD AMOUNT ONLY TO WITHDRAWAL OF SOME OF
THEIR UNITS BUT CUTS BY OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD AMOUNT TO
PARTIAL DISARMAMENT AND WOULD THUS BE MORE DIFFICULT.
ANOTHER COMPLICATION IS THE ABSENCE OF FRANCE, AND THE
AMERICAN SAID THERE IS NO INDICATION FRANCE WILL SOON
PARTICIPATE BUT FRENCH HAVE BEEN KEPT INFORMED THROUGH
NATO HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS

2A. SUNDAY BALTSUN CORDDRY WASHINGTON REPORTED GEN.
DAVISON VIGOROUSLY ATTACKS THE IDEA THAT WEEDING OUT
REAR ECHELON TROOPS IS A WAY TO REDUCE WITHOUT DAMAGING
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HIS COMMAND'S ABILITY TO DO THE JOBS ASSIGNED TO IT.
BEFORE RETURNING TO HEIDELBERG DAVISON SAID: IF WE HAVE
TO MAKE CUTS WITHOUT COMPENSATING REDUCTIONS BY THE
RUSSIANS, SOMEBODY'S GOING TO HAVE TO CHANGE MY MISSION.
DAVISON ALSO OPPOSES PROPOSALS TO CUT 20 PERCENT
IN SUPPORT FORCES, OBSERVING THAT THE IDEA OF CONVERTING
SUPPORT TO COMBAT FORCES RAISE A QUESTION ABOUT THE PRO-
VISION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW UNITS ENVISIONED.

3. RUSSIA. MONDAY WASHPOST GETLER REPORTS SENIOR US
OFFICIALS BELIEVE SOVIET UNION IS INTENT ON DE-
PLOYING SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF THREE NEW LONG-RANGE,
NUCLEAR-TIPPED MISSILES NOW BEING FLIGHT-TESTED, AND IT
IS THIS ASSESSMENT THAT IS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR WIDE-
SPREAD PESSIMISM WITHIN SEVERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ABOUT
PROSPECTS FOR PUTTING ANY MAJOR RESTRAINTS ON NUCLEAR
ARMS RACE THIS YEAR, ALTHOUGH THERE IS STILL A POSSIBIL-
ITY THAT A NEW INTERIM AGREEMENT LIMITING DEPLOYMENT OF
MIRVS CAN BE ARRANGED IN PRINCIPLE AT MOSCOW SUMMIT,
WITH THE MAZE OF TECHNICAL DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT IN
SUBSEQUENT MONTHS

3A. SATURDAY WASHPOST MARDER WASHINGTON REPORTED IT WAS
DISCLOSED YESTERDAY THAT NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAS SENT A
TEAM OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
TO MOSCOW TO DISCUSS A BAN ON THRESHOLD TESTS ABOVE AN

AGREED LEVEL, THE KEY ISSUE BEING WHETHER THE BAN WILL BE
AT A LEVEL THAT WILL SUBSTANTIALLY CUT INTO AMERICAN
AND SOVIET UNDERGROUND TESTING, OR ONLY BAN TESTS NO
LONGER NEEDED BY EITHER NATION.

3B; SATURDAY NYTIMES GELB REPORTED THAT MOSCOW SUMMIT
WILL COVER FOUR AREAS: ARMS CONTROL, TROOP REDUCTIONS,
MIDEAST AND ECONOMIC-SCIENTIFIC-CULTURAL COOPERATION, WITH
EXPECTATION THAT ACCORDS WILL BE IN TERMS OF GENERAL
PRINCIPLES RATHER THAN DETAILED SETTLEMENTS. ACCORD-
ING GELB, AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON LIMITING UNDER-
GROUND TESTING IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN, WITH SEISMIC LIMIT
HIGH ENOUGH TO ALLOW BOTH SIDES TO CONTINUE MOST CUR-
RENT WEAPONS-DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS BUT SALT ISSUES ARE SO
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COMPLEX THEY CANNOT BE NEGOTIATED INTO A SPECIFIC TREATY
IN TIME FOR THE SUMMIT, ALTHOUGH THERE COULD BE A CONTINUED
FREEZE ON NUMBERS OF MISSILE LAUNCHERS AND ON LIMITING NUM-
BERS OF MIRVS; GELB SAYS ANY US-SOVIET AGREEMENT IN
AREAS WHERE AMERICAN ALLIES ARE NOW INVOLVED IN NEGOTIA-
TIONS WOULD ONLY ANGER OUR ALLIES BUT NIXON-BREZHNEV
MAY REAFFIRM THEIR DESIRE TO REDUCE FORCES IN CENTRAL
EUROPE AND CONCLUDE CSCE.

3C. SATURDAY BALTSUN PARKS MOSCOW REPORTED SOVIET AND
AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS ARE MEETING SECRETLY IN MOSCOW TO
WORK OUT TWO AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THRESHOLD TEST
TREATY AND AN AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND
TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY, ACCORDING
TO AMERICAN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN, ALTHOUGH AMERICAN OFFI-

CIALS ARE UNDER STRICT ORDERS FROM WASHINGTON NOT TO DISCLOSE THE SUBSTANCE OF EITHER SET OF NEGOTIATIONS. ONE REASON FOR SECRECY, SAID PARKS, IS THE KNOWN OPPOSITION IN PENTAGON AND ELSEWHERE TO THRESHOLD TREATY AND THE DESIRE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT BEFORE OPPONENTS MARSHAL CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST IT;

3D. US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT FOR JUNE 3 HAD REPORT ON WASHINGTON WHISPERS PAGE SAYING AT MOSCOW SUMMIT A US-SOVIET AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED REDUCING FROM TWO TO ONE THE NUMBER OF ANTI-BALLISTIC-MISSILE SITES EACH COUNTRY IS PERMITTED TO BUILD, US NEWS ADDING THIS WOULD NULLIFY PLANS TO PROTECT WASHINGTON WITH A MISSILE-DEFENSE SYSTEM;

3E. THURSDAY BALTSUN PARKS MOSCOW REPORTED THAT AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY TOLD SOVIET LEADERS HIS COUNTRY WILL OPPOSE IDEA OF PUSHING CSCE TO A QUICK CONCLUSION UNLESS

KREMLIN AGREES TO FREER EAST WEST CULTURAL AND HUMAN CONTACTS, AND KRESIKY ALSO OPPOSED IDEA OF CSCE SUMMIT IN VIEW OF RECENT CHANGES IN SEVERAL WEST EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS AND ANOTHER UNCERTAINTY IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, REFERRING TO POSSIBLE IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS ACCORDING PARKS, KREISKY'S MEETINGS WITH KOSYGIN AND PODGORNY WERE DESCRIBED AS VERY ACRIMONIOUS AT TIMES

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AND SOVIET LEADERS WERE REPORTED TO BE SURPRISED BY THE CHANCELLOR'S STRONG STAND. PARKS SAYS KOSYGIN PUSHED KREISKY HARD TO SIGN A JOINT DECLARATION CALLING FOR A SPEEDY END TO CSCE AND REJECTING DEMANDS FOR FREER CONTACTS AS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF EUROPEAN STATES, BUT KRESIKY REFUSED, ARGUING SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD MAKE A COMPLETE MOCKERY OF THE SECURITY CONFERENCE AND AN INSULT TO ALL WESTERN NATIONS SUPPORTING IMPROVED HUMAN CONTACTS AS A KEY ELEMENT IN DETENTE.

4. JACKSON. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST HAD MIAMI BEACH UPI REPORTING JACKSON ACCUSED PRESIDENT OF USING DELAYING TACTICS ON WATERGATE AND ALSO ATTACKED ADMINISTRATION'S ECONOMIC POLICIES AND PROPOSED A FORMULA FOR A US-SOVIET DISARMAMENT TREATY, SUGGESTING AN AGREEMENT TO BRING ABOUT A MEASURE OF STABILITY IN THE NUCLEAR BALANCE AT SHARPLY REDUCED LEVELS OF STRATEGIC FORCES, PROPOSING A LIMIT OF 800 ICBMS EACH AND NO MORE THAN THE EQUIVALENT OF 35 MISSILE-FIRING SUBMARINES OF POSEIDON TYPE;

4A. FRIDAY NYTIMES KIHSS NEW YORK REPORTED JACKSON AT DINNER IN BEHALF OF A JERUSALEM HOSPITAL DECRIED

SOVIET EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE THE WILLINGNESS OF SOME ARAB GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE PEACE WITH ISRAEL AND DECLARED THE NEW SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT A PRECARIOUS ONE DINNER CHAIRMAN EX-REP. TENZER PRAISED JACKSON FOR HIS VIEWS ON SOVIET EMIGRATION.

4B. SUNDAY NYTIMES GELB WASHINGTON REPORTED JACKSON SAID: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HENRY AND ME IN MAKING MOVES WITH THE RUSSIANS IS I WOULD PUSH MORE; ACCORDING GELB, JACKSON BELIEVES SOVIET SOCIETY MUST BE LIBERALIZED BEFORE THERE CAN BE FURTHER LASTING AGREEMENTS ON ECONOMICS AND DEFENSE, WHILE KISSINGER ARGUES THAT THE AGREEMENTS ARE IMPORTANT TO REACH IN THEMSELVES AND ARE THE BEST WAY TO LIBERALIZE THE SOCIETY GELB SAYS KISSINGER SEEKS INFLUENCE ON CAPITOL HILL THROUGH THE

PROFESSORIAL ART OF PERSUASION, WHILE JACKSON TRAPS HIS COLLEAGUES THROUGH THE TECHNICAL ART OF LEGISLATION. KISSINGER

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